

JOHNSON WINNER
IN FOURTEENTH

Negro From Texas Gets the
Decision Over Tommy
Burns.

WAS THE BEST FIGHT
AUSTRALIA-EVER SAW

Black Man Had the Canadian
Going from the Outset, Knock-
ing Him Down in the First
Round—Police Inter-
fered and Saved
Knockout.

How Fighters Compare
In Physical Make-Up

Table with 2 columns: Measurements and Values. Rows include height, weight, reach, and other physical stats for Johnson and Burns.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., December 26.—
Jack Johnson, the big negro from
Galveston, Tex., is the world's
champion heavyweight pugilist. He
won the title to-day in the arena at
Rushcutters Bay from Tommy Burns,
the French-Canadian, who had held it
since James J. Jeffries relinquished
it. The fight was a close one, and
it was after a chase of Burns which
had led half way around the world.
The end came in the fourteenth
round, when the police, seeing Burns
trottering and unable to defend him-
self from the savage blows of his op-
ponent, mercifully stopped the fight.
Previously it had been a decision
if the police interfered, and Burns
should be rendered on points, and
Referee McIntosh without hesitation
declared the big black man winner,
for all through the fight he had shown
himself Burns' master in every style
of fighting.

Before the interview, said:
"I did the best I could, and fought
hard. Johnson was too big and his
reach was too great."
Fought for Big Purse.
The fight was for a purse of \$25,000,
of which Burns received \$20,000 and
Johnson \$5,000. The ring was 24
feet square, and was pitched in the center
of a big arena. The bout was to have
been a twelve-round affair, but it was
terminated at the fourteenth round.
The crowd was estimated at between
15,000 and 20,000 persons, and it kept
perfect order throughout the fight. A
band enlivened the holiday
thrill.

Before the contestants entered the
ring, "Bill" Squires, who thrice has
been defeated by Burns, challenged the
winner.

Burns weighed in at 168 pounds and
Johnson at 182. The betting was 7 to
1 in favor of Burns. The ring was
after a few rounds to 2 to 1 on John-
son.
The spectators conceded that John-
son's victory was due to his physical
advantages over Burns, his superior
knowledge of the fighting game, and
his unflinching determination while being
taunted by the champion.
The stakes were paid the men while
they were in the ring.
McIntosh, the referee, entered the
arena, accompanied by his seconds,
Sam Fitzpatrick, Mullins, Unholz, Lang
and Bryant. The referee greeted Burns
and the big black man turned and
bowed to all four sides of the ring.
Johnson took his seat, Burns
weighed in, and the referee, after a
few rounds to 2 to 1 on John-
son.

Johnson's seconds came the
announcement that their man refused
to fight. Burns took the fight on his
own terms, and the referee, after a
few rounds to 2 to 1 on John-
son.

Johnson still demurred, nevertheless,
and Burns, with a show of impatience,
had his seconds unwind the tape. His
seconds, however, refused to do so, and
the referee, after a few rounds to 2 to 1 on John-
son.

SCHOONER ABANDONED

The Hurry Steamer Floated Helplessly
Across Channel and Sinks.
CHATHAM, MASS., December 25.—
Drifting along without a crew, and
with a full cargo, the Boston
schooner Hurry, crossed a portion
of the Nantucket Shoals last
night without running into any of the
many vessels passing through the nar-
rows, and finally descended on the
Hundredfifty Shoal, three miles
off shore, where she filled with water
and sank. The Hurry was a schooner
of 100 tons, and was bound for
Boston. She was built in Bath,
Me., in 1880. She registered 827 tons
gross, is 152 feet long, 35 feet beam,
15 feet depth of hold and carried a crew
of eight men. With her cargo she is
valued at \$45,000.

TOSSED LIKE EGGSHELL

Steamer City of Savannah Encounters
Gale on Her Trip.
SAVANNAH, GA., December 25.—With
a story of one of the roughest voyages
in the history of the Savannah line,
the City of Savannah left the harbor
last night for New York. The
schooner was built in Bath, Me., in
1880. She registered 827 tons gross,
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depth of hold and carried a crew of
eight men. With her cargo she is
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GALES AT SEA

Two Ocean Freighters Arrive in Port
After Terrible Experiences.
BOSTON, MASS., December 25.—Two
ocean freighters, the Lancaster, from
Liverpool, and the Hellene, from South
America, came into port to-day, with
stories of the gales at sea, with
damaged both vessels and four time
threatened the safety of all on board.
The Lancaster's captain reported that
on December 20, the vessel was swept
over the bows, tore off the fore-
mast and bowled down the fore-
castle. Last Sunday the tremendous
sea, with a wind of seventy miles an
hour, destroyed one lifeboat and damaged
another.

The Hellene brought in a carrier
pigeon, which she had picked up
when off Nantucket Shoals last night,
tearing away the door to the engine
room, the stokehold and engine room.
The vessel was damaged in several
places, and the crew was forced to
work for several days to repair the
break.

SHIPS COLLIDE

The Camaguey and Julia Luckenbach
Come to the Death of Each Other.
NEW YORK, December 25.—Narrowly
escaping being sunk at sea in a
collision yesterday with the steamer
Julia Luckenbach, the Cuban freighter
Camaguey, which was bound for New
York, was damaged and forced to
return to port.

DUEL TO DEATH

Two Sutors Fight for the Hand of
Fourteen-Year-Old Girl.
CLEVELAND, O., December 25.—A
duel to the death was fought between
two suitors for the hand of the four-
teen-year-old Julia Luckenbach, re-
sulting in the death of one of the
contestants.

CREW MUTINIES

Run Short of Coal, Put Into Port and
Tendered for Assistance.
TENERIFF, CANARY ISLANDS, Decem-
ber 25.—The crew of the yacht
Della, owned by Jacques Leboucq,
"Emperor of the Sahara," mutinied
at this point and hoisted the
Haytian colors.

TWO ARE DEAD

Young Men Overcome by Fumes From
Fire of Charcoal.
FRANKLIN, LA., December 25.—Al-
though the steamer Della, which was
bound for New York, was damaged
and forced to return to port, the crew
was not injured.

HE PULLED BEARD
OF M. FALLIERES

French "Royalist" Did His
Duty According to
His Conscience.

ATTACKED PRESIDENT
WHILE HE WAS WALKING

Thought to Be a Crack-Brained
Notoriety Seeker, but Royalist
Papers Have Recently Been
Using Every Kind of
Scandal Against the
Government.

PARIS, December 25.—Willie
Armand Fallieres, the Presi-
dent of France, accompanied
by Raymond, his secretary,
and Colonel Lasserre, military at-
tache at the Elysee Palace, was taking
a morning stroll near Rue de L'Etoile
to-day, a poorly clad individual, who
evidently had been lying in wait, sud-
denly jumped upon the President, and
seizing his beard, pulled it out with
his hands.

Colonel Lasserre and Secretary Ray-
mond sprang to the assistance of the
President, dragged off his assailant,
and turned him over to two special de-
tectives who had been following the
President's movements.

Carried Off His Beard.
As the detective slipped the hand-
cuffs on the man he cried: "I am un-
armed. I simply wanted to pull the
President's beard."

When searched at the station house
the President's assailant proved to be
Jean Mattis, a cafe waiter, twenty-four
years old, and a native of the Depart-
ment of Savoie.

During the examination Mattis
boasted of his royalist and talked
confidently of having done his "duty."
He obeyed the dictates of his "con-
science." Heaps of royalist reaction-
ary literature were found by the police
when they ransacked his residence.

The investigation reveals the fact
that Mattis was in close relation with
the "Royalist" press, and this gives color
to rumors that he was the instrument
of a royalist plot.

Papers Vindictive Government.
A more plausible theory is that he
is only a crack-brained individual
seeking notoriety, whose head has been
turned by the campaign of scandal and
vilification which reactionary news-
papers like the Libre Parole and L'Ac-
tion have recently been conducting.

They used the scandal in connection
with the death of the President's son,
and the scandal against the govern-
ment, even to it being guilty of
political murders, and insisted upon
the necessity of a new President.
Faurie was killed because he sided
against Major Dreyfus.

Early this week the height of au-
dacity was reached when reactionary
papers printed circumstantial stories
to make it appear that President Fal-
lieres's son, when found in the com-
pany of the wife of Philippe, a well-
known advocate of the Court of Appeals,
a year ago, shot and killed the at-
torney, and that the police had hushed
up the scandal.

The leaders of the reactionary op-
position to the government and the
suspicious character of the cause
discredit the assault and claim that it
was instigated by the police to throw
discredit upon their cause and dis-
tract public attention from grave
questions.

FLAYS ATTORNEYS

Byrd Says They Ate Fendall's Bread
and Now Defend Murderer.
IRVING, N. Y., December 25.—Twelve
men in whose hands rest the fate of
Beach Hargis, on trial for the murder
of his father, were sent to bed to-
night by Judge Adams after they had
closed their shows last night. The
jury was sent into chambers about
midnight.

They reported at 5 o'clock that they
could not agree upon a verdict.
Judge Adams said that they must
leave Irving for another point in the
district at 8 o'clock to-morrow, and for
them to think it over and report to-
morrow.

Byrd, who was always the implacable
enemy of Judge Hargis, somewhat took
the part of the dead feudist in the bit-
terest speech ever heard in the Ken-
tucky mountains. He flayed J. J.
Back and Will A. Young, attorneys for
Beach Hargis, saying that they ate
Fendall's bread, and that they had
placed him where he was alive and then
tried to save his murderer from the
gallows.

HEAD CRUSHED

Robber Used an Axe and Then Ran-
sacked Victim's Room.
BATON ROUGE, LA., December 25.—
News reached here to-day of the mur-
der of J. J. Riden, at Baton Rouge,
Louisiana, last night. His head was
crushed in and then almost severed
from the body, apparently with an
axe.

Additional Evidence.
UNION CITY, TENN., December 25.—
Additional evidence, of the confession
of the three members of the night
riders of Reelfoot Lake, was offered
to-day. It is stated that in con-
nection with the trials of the eight
riders of the lake, accused of having
part in the lynching of Captain Quintan
Rankin at Walnut Log, other than
this, Christmas Day at Union City
passed quietly and without special
incident.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Important Session to Be Held in This
City and Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 25.—
Many of the most eminent historical
scholars of the country will gather here
on the 28th and 29th inst. to attend the
twenty-fourth annual meeting of the
American Historical Association, which
will hold its sessions in this city and
Washington. The first session will be
held at the Hotel Willard, and the sec-
ond at the Hotel Hamilton. The first
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The greater part of Wednesday will
be occupied with a conference of the
members of the association, and the
relations of history to the present
and future of the nation. The first
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FATALLY WOUNDS ROOMMATE

New Yorker Shoots His Friend Be-
cause He Did Not Make the Bed.

NEW YORK, December 25.—Herman
Gaus and his roommate and friend,
Fritz Stillings, who lived together in
No. 27 West Washington Street, early
this morning, and when the police
came Gaus lay dying, with a bullet
wound in the head, and Stillings
running to the street.

Gaus took more Christmas cheer
than was good for him, and when he
awoke he yelled to Stillings:
"Why didn't you make that bed for
me?"
"Make your own bed," answered Still-
ings.

The fight began quickly. Arthur J.
Gleason, who lives there, ran for a
moment, and then returned. He saw
Gaus and Stillings, and he saw the
bullet wound in Gaus's head. He
called the police, and they came.

LYNCHING AVERTED

Three Negroes Rob Store and Attempt
to Blow Bank Safe.

PALMETTO, S. C., December 25.—
Following the attempted burglary of
the Palmetto Bank and the burglary
of the Culbreth Hardware Company's
store, an early this morning, three
negroes, one of the burglars was
captured, and came very near being
lynched by the infuriated citizens. The
police, however, intervened, and the
negro was taken to the jail.

USED OTHER'S PISTOL

Deputy Sheriff Disarms Man and Then
Uses the Weapon on Him.
COLUMBUS, GA., December 25.—A
spectator at the trial of a man who
killed a woman, was charged with
using the woman's pistol.

SHOWMEN OBJECT

Over Three Hundred Moving Picture
Men Protest Against Decree.
NEW YORK, December 25.—More
than 300 of New York City's 550 mov-
ing picture showmen met to-day and
protested against Mayor McClellan's
action in revoking their licenses and
closing their shows last night. After
a lengthy exchange of views, a com-
mittee of twenty-five was appointed to
report on a plan for legalizing the
Mayor's decree.

The Mayor's order was aimed at ex-
hibitors of objectionable pictures, but
placed which were not living up to the
regulations. The general con-
sensus of opinion among the showmen
was that the Mayor's order was un-
just and that the Mayor should be
reminded of his duty.

WEATHER.

Fair and Colder

CHRISTMAS TIME
BRINGS TRAGEDY

Because Farmer Couldn't Be
Santa Claus He Kills
Himself.

DEATH CAME AS WOMAN
ARRANGED HER GIFTS

Because Unknown Man Couldn't
Eat Christmas Dinner at Home,
He Bade the World Good-by
and Hanged Himself—Presi-
dent and President-Elect
Enjoy Themselves.

QUINTANA, GA., December 25.—Be-
cause he did not have money
enough to provide the usual
Christmas toys for his children,
C. A. Pasters, a farmer near here, de-
liberately planned his own death this
morning, and died as he had planned.
Pasters, a man of 40 years, and a de-
pendent wife, were hanged a short distance
from his home. He was a well-to-do
farmer, and his death was a tragedy.
His wife and several small children ran
out when they saw the man hanging,
and the husband and father died.

Suicide for Christmas Woe.
BOSTON, MASS., December 25.—"I
can't eat Christmas dinner at home,"
said a man who hanged himself to-
day. He was a well-to-do farmer, and
his death was a tragedy.

Died Arranging Presents.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 25.—
In a room filled with Christmas pre-
sents, a man died. He was a well-to-
do farmer, and his death was a tragedy.

A search of the dead woman's ef-
fects by the police revealed the fact
that she was quite wealthy, and
even more charitable than the
neighbors supposed. There were deeds
showing her own and her husband's
in the row in which she lived, and
books of various saving funds and
building associations that had large
balances.

There were also lists containing the
names of relatives and persons whom
she contributed to, and of those to
whom Christmas presents were to be
sent. A will was also found giving all
of her property to friends, but no rela-
tives were mentioned and none is
known.

Ever since her husband's death, twenty-
one years ago, Mrs. Springer has
lived alone at the house in which she
died, and she was greatly liked by her
neighbors.

FATAL CHRISTMAS AUTO RIDE

OAKLAND, CALIF., December 25.—As a
result of a wild automobile race on the
Foothill Boulevard early to-day, one
man was instantly killed and another
man and two young women were seri-
ously injured. The dead man was
William L. Mowery, chauffeur.

The injured, A. Jorgensen, Miss Marie
Jorgensen, his sister, and Miss Jensen.
The woman was taken to the hospital,
and the man was taken to the hospital.

Two Are Killed.
NEW YORK, December 25.—In a
collision late to-day between a taxicab
and an automobile in the sunken
roadway which crosses Central Park
at Eighty-sixth Street, George C. Tur-
pin, a member of the American Geo-
graphical Society, and his daughter,
Miss Lilian Turpin, were killed.

The taxicab was driven by John
Morgan, and the automobile was driven
by John Morgan. The taxicab was
driven by John Morgan, and the auto-
mobile was driven by John Morgan.

THE TAFT CHRISTMAS

The President-Elect Celebrates the Day
by Winning Match at Golf.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 25.—The
Christmas events for President-Elect
Taft began to-day with a golf match
between the President-Elect and his
wife. The President-Elect won the
match.

Augusta's distinguished guest was
not lost in the holiday greetings he
received. The President-Elect was
honorably received by the citizens of
Augusta.

A trolley ride to Alken, S. C., in
which the President-Elect and his wife
were accompanied by a large number
of friends, was the first of the holiday
events.

SANTA IN PRISON GARB

Convicts Give Governor Smith a Token
of Their Appreciation.
ATLANTA, December 25.—Governor
Hoke Smith last night received as a
Christmas gift from the convicts of
Georgia a costly diamond studded
watch chain. The chain was pur-
chased by the convicts with money
earned by them putting in extra time
after their regularly assigned tasks.

"This little present," read the ac-
companying communication, "is a token
of the appreciation felt by the under-
prisoned for the abolishing of the con-
ditions."

INVESTIGATE BANKS

Voters' League of Pittsburgh Hears of
Large Investments in Currencies.

PITTSBURGH, PA., December 25.—
Representatives of the Voters' League,
the Civic Reform Association, that
precipitated the municipal scandal by
causing the arrest of seven members
of the Council and two former bank-
ers, to-night announced that they have
received assurance of government help
in the forthcoming prosecutions.
The department of justice repre-
sentatives of the Voters' League say,
has already taken steps to thoroughly
investigate national banks, savings
banks and trust companies, as de-
positories for city funds. Testi-
mony at the preliminary hearing was
to the effect that \$176,000 had been
deposited in the banks, and that the
department of justice to learn if
any other national banks contributed
to the \$176,000.

The intention of the depart-
ment, according to the league rep-
resentatives, to begin prosecutions in
the United States Court against Gov-
ernor Ramsey and the head of the
Vilcek, of the German National Bank,
in charges of illegally using the funds
of the bank, in addition to the bribery
charges in County Court.

FRANKLIN CALLED HOME

He Is Asked to Explain Management
of Cadet Mess.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 25.—
Captain Thomas Franklin, United
States Army, chief commissary officer
of the Department of Luzon, of the
Philippine Islands, has been ordered to
Washington to give testimony in an in-
vestigation being conducted by the War
Department of his management of af-
fairs while in charge of the cadet mess
at West Point. The investigation, it
is said, was begun after Captain Frank-
lin, on April 23, 1908, was ordered to
leave the Philippines, about a year ago, and several trans-
actions have been brought to light
which no one but Captain Franklin
can explain. For this reason, it is
said, his presence in this country is
required.

Captain Franklin is a native of Mary-
land, and entered the army on Decem-
ber 10, 1892. He rose through the vari-
ous non-commissioned grades to second
lieutenant. On April 23, 1908, he was
transferred to the volunteer army as a
captain in the subsistence department.
He was honorably discharged from this
duty in June, 1907, and was ordered to
report to the department of the regular
army with the rank of captain. His
home is in Annapolis, Md. He was
serving as secretary of the Philippine
Department of the Philippines, but has
resigned. He is now in a hospital in Manila
recovering from an operation for ap-
pendicitis.

MME. STEIN SENTENCED

Russian Adventurer Given Sixteen
Months Imprisonment.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 25.—
Mme. Olga Stein, who was arrested
last night, and who was charged with
forgery and embezzlement, began
here a week ago, has been sentenced
to sixteen months imprisonment, and
the loss of civil rights. Mme. Stein
is a Russian, and was born in St. Pe-
tersburg.

The lightness of the sentence was
due to the fact that it was possible
to try her on only minor charges.
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DEMONSTRATION CLOSED

Noted Revolutionary Is Called to Ven-
ezuela by President Gomez.

WILLEMSTADT, CURACAO, December
25.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland,
which has been operating in Venezue-
lan waters, arrived here to-day. Her
arrival was the result of a demonstra-
tion against Venezuela, which was
held at the Hotel Shoreham, New York.
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Hotel Shoreham, New York.

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GUARD FOR PRINCE CHUN

Picked Men From Manchuria Regiment
to Protect Regent.

PEKING, December 25.—An imperial
edict, issued to-day, orders Prince
Tsatso and Yu-lang, Grand Councilor
Tsiang, to be guarded by picked men
from the Manchuria regiment for the
use of Prince Chun, the regent of China.
The regent of China, Prince Chun,
is the son of the late Emperor Guang-
xu. He is now in Peking, and is being
guarded by picked men from the Man-
churia regiment.

CASKET FOR GIANTESS

Six-Hundred-Pounder So Big as to Re-
quire Remodeling of House.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., December 25.—
John H. Day died here to-day of old
age. He was born in Richmond, Va.,
and had lived here for many years.
He was a well-known citizen, and was
a member of the local lodge.

"Divine Sarah" and Emperor.
ST. PETERSBURG, December 25.—
St. Petersburg, who is playing here,
was given a home market, and was
presented with a portrait of the Em-
peror.

HE THINKS WINE
WILL SETTLE IT

Greatest Wine-Grower in the
South Offers Solution to
Temperance Question

THINKS EXPERIMENT
WORTH A FAIR TRIAL

Cites the Examples of France
and Italy, and Says Great In-
dustry Is Open for the
Country, Which Will
Settle the
Problem.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25th.

THE liquor problem is yet un-
solved. Blind prohibitionists be-
lieve they had their way. The saloon-
keepers feel doubly sure they are right.
Others, neither cranks nor fanatics,
interested, are averse, a great majority
of the people believe in temperance,
but they are divided on a way to bring
it about among all classes.

The greatest wine-grower and maker
in the South is Paul Garrett, formerly
of Weidon, N. C., but now of Norfolk,
Va. He has studied the business in
all countries. He believes that the
time will come when the American will
take to wine instead of stronger
drinks. His theory is interesting, and
he talks of it in a most convincing
way.

In discussing the present state of af-
fairs with me, Mr. Garrett said: "I have
watched the progress of the prohibition
movement, and the method, it seems to
me, is a failure. In that it changes the
channels of distribution from the
saloon to the home, it is a failure. The
best that can be truthfully said is that
it is an experiment, and unfortunately
it involves confiscation of property."

The North Carolina Law.

"What is, in your opinion, the pres-
ent effect on the orchard and vine-
yard interests in North Carolina?" I
asked.

"A strict enforcement of the North
Carolina law—and every law should be
enforced or modified—means confis-
cation. The apple-growers can make
elder (fermented apple juice) from
apples grown on his own premises, and
can sell such elder without interference.
The grape-man, on any other man, for
the grape juice, but he can make wine
under conditions that amount to con-
fiscation. A modification, putting wine
and elder on the same footing, per-
mitting the grower to make his apples
or grapes into elder or wine, that pro-
vides for means of sale that are rea-
sonable, and yet protects each com-
munity, should be the approval of all
producers, and allow an income from
their investments."

"If wine and elder, made as you sug-
gest, were sold would the people be-
come more temperate than they are
now?"

"Conditions in Other Countries."
"I think so. The experiment might
be tried. Under proper guidance and
control the sale of fermented juice,
which necessarily have light alcoholic
strength, and are not, properly speak-
ing, intoxicants, might, with proper
support, I think, would, promote the
true temperance spirit. It is a fact
beyond question that nowhere is there
so little drunkenness as in those sec-
tions of France and Italy which produce
large quantities of wines and ciders."

"What is the production of wine and
ciders in those countries?"

"For France 1,750,000,000 gallons,
average crop, and for Italy 1,500,000,000.
The average production in the
United States is 40,000,000. The popu-
lation for these countries run like
this: 30,000,000 for 1,000,000,000 France,
and 35,000,000 Italy."

"Wine is used as an article of food
in France and Italy. The peasant, or
laborer, rarely uses meat often than
twice a week, wine taking the place
of tea, coffee and meat."

"How much would, or could, the
United States produce if wine were
used here as it is abroad?"

"A great industry. California
could produce as much as France,
North Carolina a million gallons of as
good wines as France. This, at a mar-
ket value of forty cents, would give
North Carolina an annual crop worth
\$400,000,000, or nearly the value of a
12,000,000-bale cotton crop."